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**Letter from Sarah M[uir] Galloway to Emma [Muir], 1898 Oct 26.**

Sarah Muir Galloway

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John has been  
taking a long  
trip East and  
South, but I  
fear he will not  
be able to visit  
us this year.

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Portugal, A. S.  
Oct 26/98

Dear Sister Emma

I have heard  
that you are not very strong  
and I have thought of writing  
to you for a long time. You  
know I have had good oppor-  
tunity of finding out just how  
it seems to go pulling along  
without much strength or  
energy to do the things that  
you would, or what needs to  
be done. I hope that by this  
time you are better and that  
life goes more cheerily for you.  
My health is better than usual  
this summer. I have not been  
able to do half of the things  
I would like to do, but am still



so much stronger than I have  
 been very thankful indeed.  
 In June I went out to the country  
 and staid with Anna three weeks,  
 that was the time of strawberries,  
 and we were very busy picking  
 for every-day use and clover sops,  
 then the currants were ripe and  
 we gathered those for canning  
 and before they were finished the  
 cherries were ripe, and they were  
 fine, we gathered and put up  
 quantities of them, between times  
 there was other work in hand  
 and I think I never spent a  
 more busy three weeks, I was very  
 weard, but the change did me  
 good. In the summer we are  
 quite busy, taking care of the  
 garden and keeping the yard  
 looking nice, that, with the



housework gives plenty of exercise.  
and we enjoy seeing things look  
well. The shrubs and flowers  
were fine in the early months.  
one of my flower beds was bordered  
with english violets, which was  
beautiful, there were such a  
profusion of blossoms that their  
fragrance just filled that part  
of the yard. Do you keep as  
many house plants as ever?  
mine fills the window and more,  
they are pretty too and are a comfort  
to look at when all is winter  
out-side. We have been having  
a little winter this week, on  
Tuesday we had a snow storm all  
day, the wind blowing high and  
cold, and though this is the  
second day after, the ground is  
mostly white yet, but I think



when the weather clears off again  
 it will be warm and pleasant.  
 I suppose you have all of your  
 girls with you excepting Annie.  
 Mine are all gone away from home  
 and it is lonesome for me. Leta  
 was home a few days in the spring  
 and Grace had her vacation in  
 the fall but she had to spend it  
 nearly all taking treatment for  
 Rheumatism, she was out of the  
 office nine weeks. Anna comes  
 to town once in a while, her health  
 is better, the children are growing  
 finely and are strong and well.  
 Sister Annie is very well for her, she  
 has got a wheel and has been learn-  
 ing to ride it.

I hope that your Lennie, the girls  
 and your little boy, are well, also Bro. Sam.  
 it is a long time since I have heard  
 from any of you.  
 Love to you all from Sister Sarah.